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Invention: SPUR-TOOTHED WHEEL FOR A WORM GEAR...

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For : SPUR-TOOTHED WHEEL FOR A
WORM GEAR AND A FORM FOR
PRODUCING SUCH A SPUR-
TOOTHED WHEEL

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LETTER

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of September
9, 2002.

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In the Office Action the Examiner requested to elect for further prosecution one of the inventions, namely:

- A spur-toothed wheel
- A form

Applicant herewith provisionally elected for further prosecution the invention of the spur-toothed wheel.

Claims 1-5 are readable on the elected invention.

The Examiners' restriction requirement is however respectfully traversed.

The present application is a National Phase Application based on International Patent Application PCT/DE 00/05019. As such it must follow PCT rule 13.1 which allows prosecution in the same application such inventions which have common inventive features and form a general inventive concept.

At least for a spur-toothed wheel with a first wheel disk (12) and two second wheel disks (13,14) and designed as a single piece produced using an injection molding procedure (claims 1, 3, 4, and 5) the only way of

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producing without destroying the mold is with a form according to claim 5 and 11 (compare also Fig. 6). Furthermore, there was no objection by the International Searching Authority and no additional fee was charged under the provision of Art 17 (3) a) PCT.

It is respectfully requested to prosecute both inventions and all claims in this application.


Consideration and allowance of present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected on formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or corrections be carried by the Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue.

Any costs involved should be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned (No. 19-4675). Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (631 549 4700).

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